

The Sum-Eccentricity Energy Of A Graph

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Abstract. In this paper, we introduce the concept of the sum-eccentricity matrix $S_e(G)$ of a graph G and obtain some coefficients of the characteristic polynomial $P(G, \lambda)$ of the sum-eccentricity matrix of G . We also introduce the sum-eccentricity energy $ES_e(G)$ of a graph G . Sum-eccentricity energies of some well-known graphs are obtained. Upper and lower bounds for $ES_e(G)$ are established. It is shown that if the sum-eccentricity energy of a graph is rational then it must be an even.

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1. Introduction

In this paper, all graphs are assumed to be finite connected simple graphs. A graph $G=(V,E)$ is a simple graph, that is, having no loops, no multiple and directed edges. As usual, we denote n to be the order and m to be the size of the graph G . For a vertex $v \in V$, the open neighborhood of v in a graph G , denoted $N(v)$, is the set of all vertices that are adjacent to v and the closed neighborhood of v is $N[v]=N(v) \cup \{v\}$. The degree of a vertex v in G is $d(v)=|N(v)|$. The distance $d(u,v)$ between any two vertices u and v in a graph G is the length of the shortest

path connecting them. The eccentricity of a vertex $v \in G$ is $e(v) = \max\{d(u, v) : u \in V(G)\}$. The radius of G is $r(G) = \min\{e(v) : v \in V(G)\}$ and the diameter of G is $D(G) = \max\{e(v) : v \in V(G)\}$. Hence $r(G) \leq e(v) \leq D(G)$, for every $v \in V(G)$. A vertex v in a connected graph G is central if $e(v) = r(G)$, while a vertex v in a connected graph G is peripheral vertex if $e(v) = D(G)$. A graph G is called self centered graph if $e(v) = r(G) = D(G)$. The girth of a graph G is the length of the shortest cycle contained in the graph and denoted by $g(G)$. All the definitions and terminologies about the graph in this paragraph available in [9].

The concept energy of a graph introduced by I. Gutman [8], in (1978). Let G be a graph with n vertices and m edges and let $A(G) = (a_{ij})$ be the adjacency matrix of G , where

$$a_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } v_i v_j \in E, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ of a matrix $A(G)$ assumed in a non-increasing order, are the eigenvalues of a graph G [10]. Let $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_t$, for $t \leq n$ be the distinct eigenvalues of G with multiplicities m_1, m_2, \dots, m_t , respectively, the multiset of eigenvalues of $A(G)$ is called the spectrum of G and denoted by

$$Sp(G) = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & \lambda_2 & \dots & \lambda_t \\ m_1 & m_2 & \dots & m_t \end{bmatrix}$$

As A is real symmetric with zero trace, the eigenvalues of G are real with sum equal to zero [3]. The energy $E(G)$ of a graph G is defined to be the sum of the absolute values of the eigenvalues of G [8], i.e.,

$$E(G) = \sum_{i=1}^n |\lambda_i|.$$

For more details on the mathematical aspects of the theory of graph energy we refer to [5, 7, 10] and the references therein.

C. Adiga et. al. [2], have defined the maximum degree energy $E_M(G)$ of a graph G which depends on the maximum degree matrix $M(G)$ of G . Let G be a simple graph with n vertices v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n . Then the maximum degree matrix $M(G) = (d_{ij})$ of a graph G defined as

$$d_{ij} = \begin{cases} \max\{d(v_i), d(v_j)\}, & \text{if } v_i v_j \in E, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

As $M(G)$ is real symmetric with zero trace, then the eigenvalues of G being real with sum equal to zero.

Ahmed M. Naji et. al. [3], have defined the concept of maximum eccentricity matrix $M_e(G)$ of a connected graph G . They obtained the maximum eccentricity energy $EM_e(G)$ of a graph depends on the maximum eccentricity matrix. Let G be a simple connected graph with n vertices v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n and let $e(v_i)$ be the eccentricity of a vertex $v_i, i=1, 2, \dots, n$. The maximum eccentricity matrix of G defined as $M_e(G) = (e_{ij})$, where

$$e_{ij} = \begin{cases} \max\{e(v_i), e(v_j)\}, & \text{if } v_i v_j \in E, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Motivated by those papers, we introduce the concept of the sum-eccentricity matrix $S_e(G)$ of a graph G and obtain some coefficients of the characteristic polynomial $P(G, \lambda)$ of the sum-eccentricity matrix of G . We also introduce the sum-eccentricity energy $ES_e(G)$ of a graph G . Sum-eccentricity energies of some well-known graphs are obtained. Upper and lower bounds for $ES_e(G)$ are established. It is shown that if the sum-eccentricity energy of a graph is rational then it must be an even.

2. THE SUM-ECCENTRICITY ENERGY OF GRAPHS

Definition 2.1. Let G be a graph with n vertices. Then the sum-eccentricity matrix of a graph G denoted by $S_e(G)$, is defined as $S_e(G) = (s_{ij})$, where

$$s_{ij} = \begin{cases} e(v_i) + e(v_j), & \text{if } v_i v_j \in E, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The characteristic polynomial of the sum-eccentricity matrix $S_e(G)$ is defined by

$$P(G, \lambda) = \det(\lambda I - S_e(G)),$$

Where I is the unit matrix of order n . The eigenvalues of the sum-eccentricity matrix $S_e(G)$ are the roots of the characteristic polynomial of

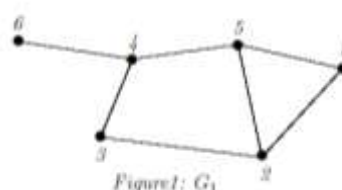
G .

Since $S_e(G)$ is real symmetric with zero trace, its eigenvalues must be real with sum equal to zero, i.e., $\text{trace}(S_e(G))=0$. We label the eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ in a non-increasing manner $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n$. The sum-eccentricity energy of a graph G is denoted by $ES_e(G)$ and is defined as the summation of the absolute value of the eigenvalues

$$ES_e(G) = \sum_{i=1}^n |\lambda_i|.$$

The following examples explain the concept.

Example 2.2. Let G_1 be the graph as in figure 1.



Then the sum-eccentricity matrix of G_1 is

$$S_e(G_1) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 6 & 0 & 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 6 & 0 & 5 & 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 & 4 & 5 \\ 5 & 5 & 0 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The characteristic polynomial of $S_e(G_1)$ is

$$P(G_1, \lambda) = \lambda^6 - 168\lambda^4 - 300\lambda^3 + 4952\lambda^2 + 7500\lambda - 15625.$$

The sum-eccentricity eigenvalues of G_1 are

$$\lambda_1 = 12.54, \lambda_2 = 5.4884, \lambda_3 = 1.2211, \lambda_4 = -2.8779, \lambda_5 = -6.6336, \lambda_6 = -9.7383.$$

The sum-eccentricity energy of G_1 is

$$ES_e(G_1) = 38.499.$$

Example 2.3. Let G_2 be the K_5 graph.

Then the sum-eccentricity matrix of G_2 is

$$S_e(G_2) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The characteristic polynomial of $S_e(G_2)$ is

$$P(G_2, \lambda) = \lambda^5 - 40\lambda^3 - 16\lambda^2 - 240\lambda - 128 = (\lambda + 2)^4(\lambda - 8).$$

The sum-eccentricity eigenvalues of G_2 are

$$\lambda_1 = 8, \lambda_2 = -2, \lambda_3 = -2, \lambda_4 = -2, \lambda_5 = -2.$$

The sum-eccentricity energy of G_2 is

$$ES_e(G_2) = 16.$$

3. BOUNDS FOR SUM-ECCENTRICITY ENERGY AND SUM-ECCENTRICITY EIGENVALUES

We now give the explicit expression for the coefficient c_i of λ^{n-i} ($i=0,1,2,3$ and n) in the characteristic polynomial of the sum-eccentricity matrix $S_e(G)$.

Theorem 3.1. Let G be a graph of order n and let

$$P(G, \lambda) = c_0\lambda^n + c_1\lambda^{n-1} + c_2\lambda^{n-2} + \dots + c_n,$$

be the characteristic polynomial of $S_e(G)$. Then

1. $c_0 = 1$.
2. $c_1 = 0$.
3. $c_2 = -\sum_{i=1, i < j}^n (e(v_i) + e(v_j))^2$, where $v_i v_j \in E$.
4. $c_3 = -2 \sum_{\Delta v_i v_j v_k, 1 \leq i < j < k \leq n}^n (2e(v_i)e(v_j)e(v_k) + e(v_i)^2 e(v_j) + e(v_i)^2 e(v_k) + e(v_j)^2 e(v_i) + e(v_j)^2 e(v_k) + e(v_k)^2 e(v_i) + e(v_k)^2 e(v_j))$.
5. For $n > 1$ we have $c_n = (-1)^n \det(S_e(G))$.

Proof. The proof of parts (1) and (2) are similar to the proof in [2].

3. Since

$$c_2 = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \begin{vmatrix} 0 & s_{ij} \\ s_{ji} & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} 0 - (s_{ij}s_{ji}) = -\sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} s_{ij}^2$$

and since

$$s_{ij} = \begin{cases} e(v_i) + e(v_j), & \text{if } v_i v_j \in E, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Thus $c_2 = -\sum_{i=1, i < j}^n (e(v_i) + e(v_j))^2$, where $v_i v_j \in E$.

4. We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 c_2 &= \sum_{1 \leq i < j < k \leq n} \begin{vmatrix} s_{ii} & s_{ij} & s_{ik} \\ s_{ji} & s_{jj} & s_{jk} \\ s_{ki} & s_{kj} & s_{kk} \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= -2 \sum_{1 \leq i < j < k \leq n} (s_{ij}s_{ik}s_{jk}) \\
 &= -2 \sum_{\Delta v_i v_j v_k, 1 \leq i < j < k \leq n} [(e(v_i) + e(v_j))(e(v_i) + e(v_k))(e(v_j) + e(v_k))] \\
 &= -2 \sum_{\Delta v_i v_j v_k, 1 \leq i < j < k \leq n} (2e(v_i)e(v_j)e(v_k) + e(v_i)^2 e(v_j) + e(v_i)^2 e(v_k) + e(v_j)^2 e(v_i) + \\
 &\quad e(v_j)^2 e(v_k) + e(v_k)^2 e(v_i) + e(v_k)^2 e(v_j)).
 \end{aligned}$$

5. We have $c_k = (-1)^k \sum_{k=1}^n$ (all $k \times k$ principle minors)

hence $c_n = (-1)^n \det(S_e(G))$.

Example 3.2. In the graph G_1 in figure 1, the coefficient c_2 of λ^4 in the characteristic polynomial of $S_e(G_1)$ is equal to

$$- \sum_{i=1, i < j}^n (e(v_i) + e(v_j))^2, \text{ where } v_i v_j \in E$$

$$-[(3+3)^2 + (3+2)^2 + (3+2)^2 + (3+2)^2 + (2+2)^2 + (2+2)^2 + (2+3)^2] = -168$$

Remark 3.3. a. The number of terms in c_3 in the above theorem is equal to the number of triangles in the graph.

b. If $g(G) \neq 3$, then $c_3 = 0$.

Theorem 3.4. If $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$, are the sum-eccentricity eigenvalues of a graph G , then

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^2 = -2c_2.$$

Proof. We have

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^2 = \text{trace}(S_e^2(G)) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n s_{ik}s_{ki} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{i < k} s_{ik}^2 = 2 \sum_{i=1, i < k}^n s_{ik}^2$$

$$= 2 \sum_{i=1, i < k}^n (e(v_i) + e(v_k))^2, \text{ where } v_i v_k \in E,$$

hence

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^2 = -2c_2.$$

Theorem 3.5. Let $G = K_n$, a complete graph of order $n, n > 1$, then $c_2 = -2n(n-1)$.

Proof. We have $c_2 = - \sum_{i=1, i < j}^n (e(v_i) + e(v_j))^2, \text{ where } v_i v_j \in E,$

we also have in K_n each $e(v_i) = 1$ so

$$c_2 = - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (2+2)^2 i = -4 \frac{n(n-1)}{2} = -2n(n-1).$$

Example 3.6. In the graph G_2 , the coefficient c_2 of λ^3 in the characteristic polynomial of $S_e(G_2)$ is $-2(5)(4) = -40$.

Corollary 3.7. For the complete graph K_n , we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^2 = 4n(n-1).$$

Theorem 3.8. If G is a graph of order n , then for any sum-eccentricity eigenvalue λ_j , we have

$$c_2 \geq \frac{(n-2)\lambda_j^2}{2} - 2n((n-1)^2).$$

Proof. We have

$$\text{trace}(S_e^2(K_n)) = 4n(n-1)$$

by Cauchy-Schwartz inequality, we have

$$\sum_{i=1, i \neq j}^n \lambda_i^2 \leq (n-1) \sum_{i=1, i \neq j}^n \lambda_i^2 = (n-1)(4n(n-1) - \lambda_j^2)$$

so

$$\sum_{i=1, i \neq j}^n \lambda_i^2 \leq 4n(n-1)^2 - \lambda_j^2(n-1)$$

$$\text{i.e. } \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^2 \leq 4n(n-1)^2 - \lambda_j^2(n-1) + \lambda_j^2 = 4n(n-1)^2 - \lambda_j^2(n-2).$$

Using theorem 3.4., we get

$$c_2 \geq \frac{(n-2)\lambda_j^2}{2} - 2n((n-1)^2).$$

Theorem 3.9. We have

$$\sqrt{2 \sum_{i=1, i < j}^n (e(v_i) + e(v_j))^2 + n(n-1)L^n} \leq ES_e(G) \leq \sqrt{\frac{2n^2c_2 + 4n^3(n-1)^2}{n-2}},$$

where $v_i v_j \in E$, $L = \prod_{i=1}^n \lambda_i$ and $n > 2$ for the left side of the inequality.

Proof. We have

$$\begin{aligned} E^2 S_e(G) &= \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |\lambda_i| \right)^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n |\lambda_i|^2 + \sum_{i \neq j} |\lambda_i| |\lambda_j|. \end{aligned}$$

Using the last inequality in theorem 3.1 and Arithmetic mean, Geometric mean inequality we get

$$E^2 S_e(G) = 2 \sum_{i=1, i < j}^n (e(v_i) + e(v_j))^2 + \sum_{i \neq j} |\lambda_i| |\lambda_j|, \text{ where } v_i v_j \in E,$$

but

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{i \neq j} |\lambda_i| |\lambda_j| &= |\lambda_1| (|\lambda_2| + |\lambda_3| + \dots + |\lambda_n|) \\
 &+ |\lambda_2| (|\lambda_1| + |\lambda_3| + \dots + |\lambda_n|) \\
 &\vdots \\
 &+ |\lambda_n| (|\lambda_1| + |\lambda_2| + \dots + |\lambda_{n-1}|) \\
 &\geq n(n-1) (|\lambda_1| |\lambda_2| |\lambda_3| \dots |\lambda_n|)^{\frac{1}{n}} (|\lambda_1|^{n-1} |\lambda_2|^{n-1} |\lambda_3|^{n-1} \dots |\lambda_n|^{n-1})^{\frac{1}{n(n-1)}}
 \end{aligned}$$

hence

$$\sqrt{2 \sum_{i=1, i < j}^n (e(v_i) + e(v_j))^2 + n(n-1)L^n} \leq ES_e(G),$$

where $v_i v_j \in E$ and $L = \prod_{i=1}^n \lambda_i$.

On the other hand, using the previous theorem we have

$$|\lambda_j| \leq \sqrt{\frac{2c_2 + 4n(n-1)^2}{n-2}},$$

so

$$\sum_{j=1}^n |\lambda_j| \leq \sqrt{\frac{2n^2 c_2 + 4n^3 (n-1)^2}{n-2}}, \text{ where } n > 2.$$

Theorem 3.10. If the sum-eccentricity energy of a graph G is rational, then it must be an even integer.

Proof. Let $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ be the sum-eccentricity eigenvalues of a graph G with order n . Then we have $\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i = 0$. Let $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_r$ be positive, and $\lambda_{r+1}, \lambda_{r+2}, \dots, \lambda_n$ are non-positive. Then,

$$ES_e(G) = 2(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \dots + \lambda_r).$$

Since $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_r$ are algebraic numbers, so is there sum, and hence must be integer if $ES_e(G)$ is rational. Thus $ES_e(G)$ is an even positive integer if it is rational.

4. THE SUM-ECCENTRICITY ENERGY FOR SOME STANDARD GRAPHS

In this section we investigate the exact values of the sum-eccentricity energy of some well-known graphs.

Theorem 4.1. For the cycle $C_n, n \geq 3$, is we have

$$c_2 = \begin{cases} -n^3, & \text{if } n \text{ is even,} \\ -n(n-1)^2, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

Proof. We have $c_2 = - \sum_{i=1, i < j}^n (e(v_i) + e(v_j))^2$,

and

$$e(v_i) = \begin{cases} \frac{n}{2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is even,} \\ \frac{(n-1)}{2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd,} \end{cases}$$

so if n is even $c_2 = - \sum_{i=1, i < j}^n (2\frac{n}{2})^2 = -n^3$,

and if n is odd $c_2 = - \sum_{i=1, i < j}^n (2\frac{n-1}{2})^2 = -n(n-1)^2$,

thus

$$c_2 = \begin{cases} -n^3, & \text{if } n \text{ is even,} \\ -n(n-1)^2, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

Theorem 4.1. The sum-eccentricity eigenvalues for the complete graph K_n are -2 and $2(n-1)$ with multiplicities $(n-1)$ and 1 respectively, and the sum-eccentricity energy for K_n is $4(n-1)$.

Proof. We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\lambda I - S_e(K_n)| &= \begin{vmatrix} \lambda & -2 & -2 & \cdots & -2 \\ -2 & \lambda & -2 & \cdots & -2 \\ -2 & -2 & \lambda & \cdots & -2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ -2 & -2 & -2 & \cdots & \lambda \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= (\lambda + 2)^{n-1} \begin{vmatrix} \lambda & -2 & -2 & \cdots & -2 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= (\lambda + 2)^{n-1} (\lambda - 2(n-1)).
 \end{aligned}$$

The sum-eccentricity eigenvalues of K_n are $\lambda_1 = 2(n-1), \lambda_2 = -2, \lambda_3 = -2, \dots, \lambda_n = -2$, i.e., -2 with multiplicity $n-1$ and $2(n-1)$ with multiplicity 1 .

Hence $ES_e(K_n) = 4(n-1)$.

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